Ravine Gardens

PALATKA, FLORIDA

1968
AZALEA FESTIVAL
AND
BEAUTY PAGEANT

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
March 8, 9, 10

Friday	8:30 P.M.	TALENT CONTEST
Saturday	10:30 A.M.	DOWNTOWN PARADE
Saturday	2:00 P.M.	BOAT REGATTA
Saturday	9:00 P.M.	AZALEA BALL
Sunday	2:00 P.M.	BEAUTY PAGEANT

Ravine Gardens Amphitheatre

Other Azalea Festival Events

MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT	March 1,2,3
AZALEA OPEN SKEET SHOOT	March 2,3
LADIES' GOLF INVITATIONAL	March 7,8
BOWLING MIXED DOUBLES (ABC & WIBC Sanctioned)	March 8,9,10
ART SHOW—CIVIC CENTER	March 8,9,10

For Further Information Regarding Program and Beauty Pageant Entry Qualifications, contact

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Palatka is on the historic St. Johns River, 52 miles south of Jacksonville. U. S. Hwy. 17 or State Hwys. 19, 20, 100 and 207, all will lead you to the Ravine Gardens.

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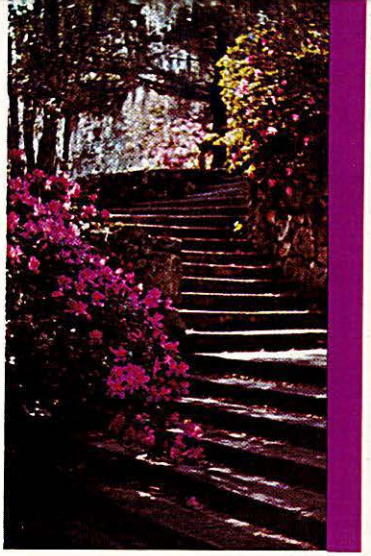

Colorful Splendor for your Enjoyment

Ravine Gardens in Palatka is an 85 acre harmoniously designed park with three finger-like ravines, 70 to 120 feet deep. Many natural springs supply water that flow down the ravines and become a part of Palatka's water supply.

After reaching Palatka, over any one of the many fine highways leading into this industrial and recreation city on the St. Johns River, follow the signs to the Garden entrance on Twigg Street. This is the municipal recreation area, with the Azalea baseball field, the little league field, the Maroon football stadium, the public swimming pool and the Palatka Golf & Country Club, all adjacent to the Ravine Gardens. "The Court of States" located just inside the Gardens is enhanced with the magnificence and splendor of a 68 foot obelisk. At the other end of this court is the Civic Center. To the left of the Civic Center Building begins a 3 mile drive that follows the edges of the Ravines. Adjacent to the building are terrace garden areas and the start of 6½ miles of foot paths that penetrate the Ravines. You will enjoy colorful splendor from afoot, or from your car.

Featured plantings of the Gardens are Azaleas, of which there are over 100,000 plants with at least 50 varieties. In addition to the massed plantings of flowering annuals, there are over 300,000 ornamental plants, both native and imported including wisteria, bougainvillaea, wild clematis, camellias, gardenias, crepe myrtle and passion flower. The native trees, of interest to photographer and botanist alike, include magnificent specimens of palms, magnolia, bay, dogwood, red bud, sweet gum, plum, Hercules club, and seven varieties of holly.

The Gardens is also a bird sanctuary. Among the many birds to be found is the huge 17 inch pileated woodpecker — remember Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings the "Lord God A'mighty" birds?

The many colorful blooms make their most spectacular display during the months of February and March, depending on the season.

The Jaycee sponsored Azalea Festival is held the first weekend in March each year. The feature beauty pageant is staged in a natural amphitheatre seating 3,000 people, with a back drop of azaleas.

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